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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT:BAD DEBTS OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN

REF: DAKAR 0971

USDOC 4124

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SENEGALESE BUSINESSMAN FOR ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTING BAD DEBTS OF HIS AMERICAN PARTNER. ALFRED BRENCHÉ VISITED DAKAR DURING EARLY 1974 AND WORKED WITH LOCAL COMPANY PREFABRICATION MODERNE SENEGALAISE WHOSE DIRECTOR, IBRAHIMA SAMB, HE HAD MET DURING SAMB'S TRAVEL TO US ON USG GRANT. TWO COMPANIES SIGNED ACCORD FOR JOINT VENTURES IN FISHING, TOURIST, AGRICULTURE AND OTHER PROJECTS. BRANCHÉ DEPARTED DAKAR, OSTENSIBLY FOR SHORT TRIP TO US, IN EARLY MARCH AND SAMB'S REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HIM HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. SAMB AND HIS LOCAL PARTNERS CLAIM BRANCHÉ OWES THEM 1.5 MILLION CFA (\$6,000) FOR UNPAID HOTEL, TELEPHONE, AUTO RENTAL, AND HOUSE RENTAL BILLS AS WELL AS PERSONAL CHECK WHICH BOUNCED. ON QUICK EXAMINATION, SAMB'S CASE APPEARS SOLID.

3. COPIES OF DETAILED REPORT SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY BY SAMB BEING POUCHED TO ROD RYDLUN FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PROPER OFFICE IN COMMERCE.

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4. SAMB AND LOCAL PARTNER HAVE APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH

AMBASSADOR ON SEPT 3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM
COMMERCE AS TO WHAT USG CAN DO IN THIS CASE.
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